

DECISION DOCUMENT

ROUND 6 – Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (Public Law 105-263)

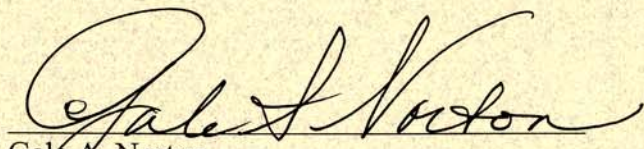
The signature of the Secretary of the Interior approves the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Final Recommendation for Round 6 submitted by the SNPLMA Executive Committee for all expenditure categories available under the SNPLMA, as amended. This decision covers the expenditures and other authorizations outlined below, with the provisos as stated.

1. The expenditures of \$468,708,922 for parks, trails, and natural areas in cooperation with local and regional governments; \$169,538,170 for capital improvements; \$80,331,758 for conservation initiatives; \$83,359,332 for acquisition of environmentally sensitive land; \$30,706,817 for the Clark County Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan projects; and \$43,400,000 for the Lake Tahoe Restoration Projects; for a total of \$876,044,999 from the SNPLMA Special Account for the expenditure categories in Round 6.
 - a. The budget figures above include the sum of the estimated costs for projects and acquisitions and an additional 10 percent in all project categories, except the Lake Tahoe Restoration Projects (item 1.b.) and environmentally sensitive land acquisitions category (item 1.c.).
 - b. The estimated costs for the Lake Tahoe Restoration Projects took into account a contingency amount; therefore, no separate 10 percent contingency is being requested in the budget. This amount includes \$5,485,000 for the Incline Lakes Dam Restoration Project, which is contingent upon approval and successful acquisition of the Incline Lakes property nominated in Round 6.
 - c. Separate and apart from the budget figures listed above, 10 percent expenditure over estimated costs for land acquisitions is authorized, which may be expended at a 10 percent maximum per acquisition to cover the difference between estimated and actual costs without further approval of the Executive Committee. These funds are not included in the budget figures because the funds needed to cover these contingency costs are generally available as a result of acquisitions completed below the approved amount or due to acquisitions that cannot be completed.
 - d. The amounts approved are in addition to the amounts approved for each category in previous rounds. Any amount not required to complete the projects and acquisitions approved in prior rounds will be available in the same expenditure category for Round 6.
2. The establishment of a reserve within the Special Account in the amount of \$35,000,000 is approved for expenditure at the discretion of the SNPLMA Executive Committee, where special circumstances warrant, toward allowable expenditures authorized by the SNPLMA and in accordance with the Implementation Agreement. All expenditures from the Special Account Reserve (SAR) shall be undertaken in compliance with established procedures and internal controls, as well as all applicable laws, regulations and policies. Further, the Executive

Committee shall consult with the Department of the Interior's Office of the Solicitor to identify additional procedures that might be necessary regarding expenditures from the SAR. This SAR shall be available during Round 6 only.

3. The establishment of a Pre-Proposal Planning (PPP) reserve within the Special Account in the amount of \$25,000,000 is approved for expenditure at the discretion of the SNPLMA Executive Committee, to fund feasibility and pre-proposal design for the purpose of developing more accurate information on project scope as well as detailed cost estimates and preliminary schedules for projects which will be nominated in future rounds. This PPP reserve shall be available during Round 6 only. No funds shall be expended from this PPP reserve until procedures and internal controls for such expenditures have been developed and approved by the Executive Committee in consultation with the Department of the Interior's Office of the Solicitor. All expenditures from the PPP reserve shall be undertaken in compliance with such procedures and internal controls, as well as applicable laws, regulations and policies.
4. The Executive Committee is authorized to reallocate funds between the SAR and the PPP reserve in order to provide for maximum flexibility to meet the needs relative to carrying out approved projects and acquisitions, addressing emergency or urgent needs, and the need for pre-proposal planning to ensure complete and accurate project nominations. Reallocation between and expenditure from the SAR and the PPP reserve shall be subject to the restrictions specified in items 2, with respect to the SAR, and 3 with respect to the PPP reserve.
5. Due to the nature of the projects, full funding shall be provided first to the Lake Tahoe Restoration Projects, then to Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan projects, and then to Conservation Initiative Projects. Thereafter, revenues shall be distributed as they become available in the Special Account to the other expenditure categories in the order presented in the attached tables, based upon availability of funds and in accordance with the SNPLMA Implementation Agreement.
6. The funds available for the Lake Tahoe Primary Category Projects shall be available for reprogramming by the Tahoe Regional Executive Committee to fund projects within the Secondary Category in the event a Primary Category project(s) becomes infeasible or actual costs are less than estimated.
7. The \$150 million set-aside for future Lake Tahoe Restoration Projects shall be funded only after all projects and acquisitions approved in Round 6 have been fully funded. Thereafter, this amount shall remain set aside until fully utilized to fund approved Lake Tahoe projects in future rounds.

APPROVED:


Gale A. Norton
Secretary of the Interior

Feb. 7, 2006
Date